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**REASOR PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT FROM ARCHDIOCESE**

**(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS)** A former office manager for St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Antonio pled guilty this morning to stealing several hundred thousand dollars and other things of value from the Church and the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Appearing for jury selection and trial this morning before United States District Judge Edward C. Prado, 59-year-old **JANE REASOR (a.k.a. SAN JUANITA RANGEL REASOR)** of San Antonio chose to forgo her trial and pled guilty to all charges contained in a 33-count indictment returned last August. Those charges include bank fraud, forging signatures on St. Dominic's checks, making false statements in connection with loan applications, and mail fraud. From December 1993 through May 2001, Reasor, as a fiduciary to the Church: 1) forged signatures and cashed checks drawn on the Church's bank account; 2) adjusted the Sunday collection deposits by initialing deposit slips then reducing those deposits by "less cash" amounts; 3) used Church funds to pay for personal expenses; 4) used the Church's credit card to purchase personal items that included jewelry, household goods, electronic equipment, computer software, automobile tires, and other items; 5) forged a signature on a credit application to purchase lawn mower equipment for the defendant's benefit; and 6) falsified an education loan application for her son by forging a parish priest's signature as a co-signer and "parent" of applicant.

Reasor faces federal imprisonment and restitution to the Church and the Archdiocese of San Antonio as a result of her guilty plea. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2003.

This case was investigated by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Tom McHugh is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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